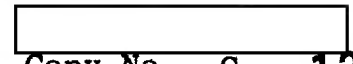


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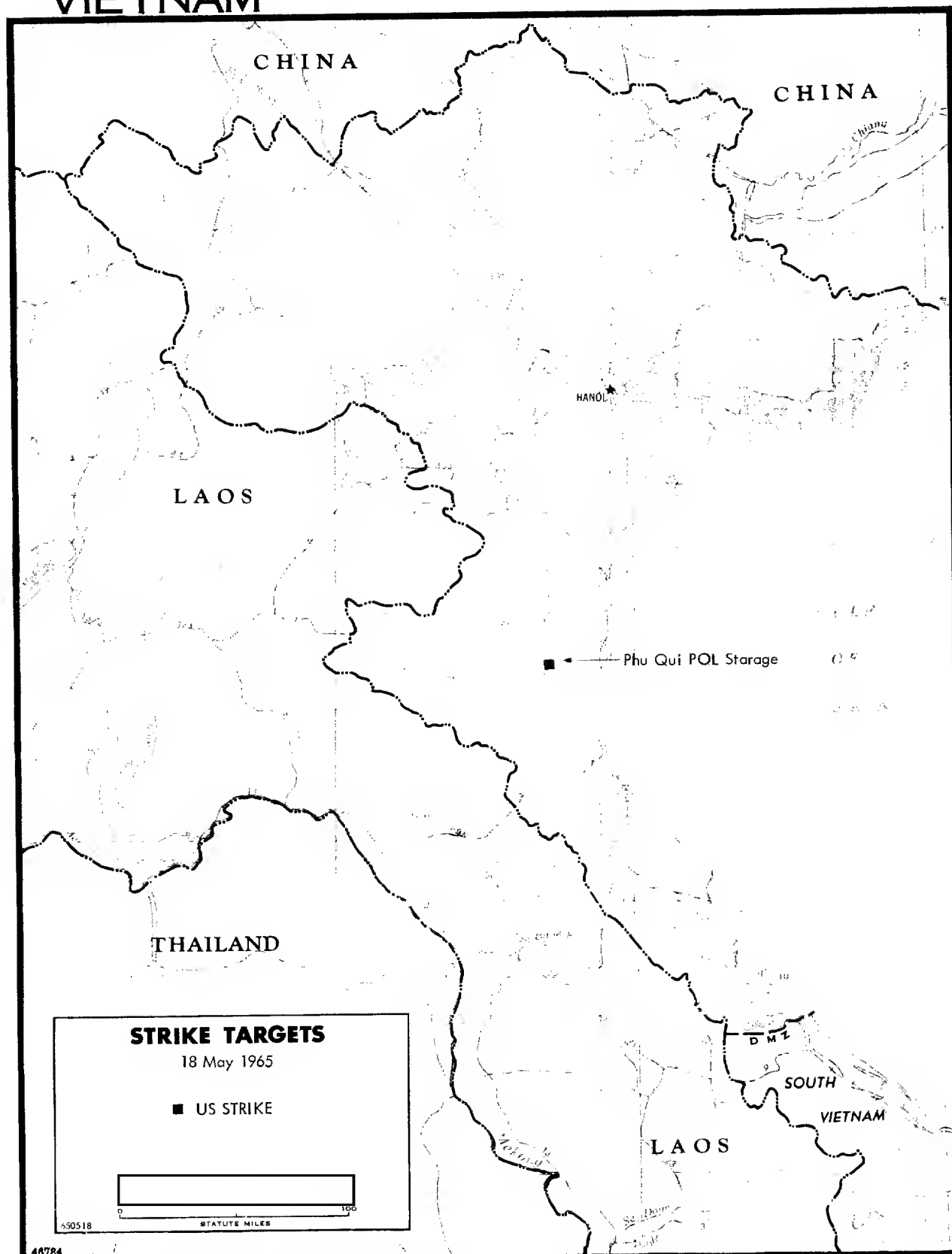
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NORTH VIETNAM



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Air Strikes in North Vietnam: Air strikes resumed on 18 May with US Navy aircraft severely damaging a new POL storage site nearing completion at Phu Qui, some 40 miles northwest of Vinh.

Pilots report that the nine large POL tanks at the installation were all damaged, most of them severely. A barracks area at the site was also damaged severely and left burning. No aircraft were lost.

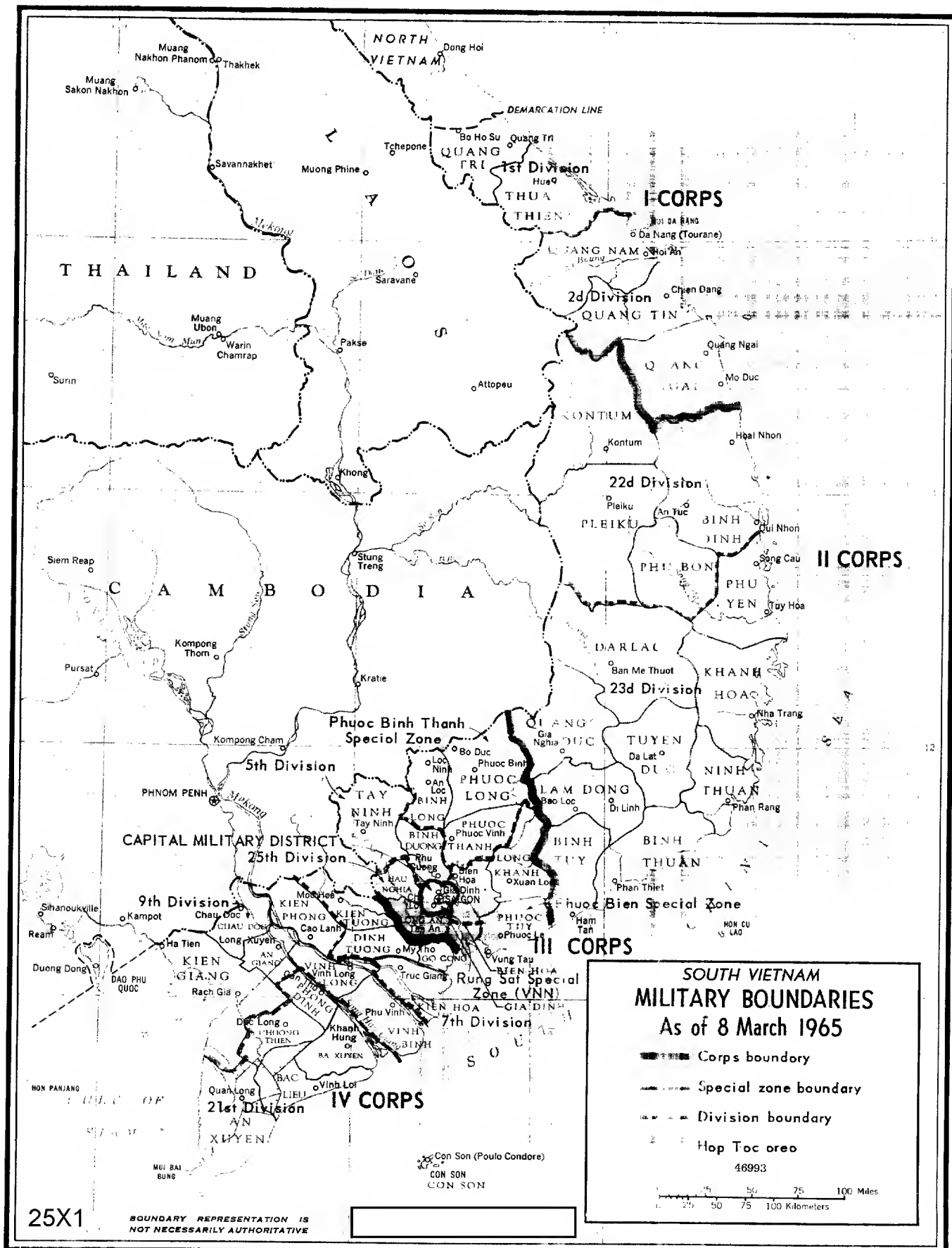
Communist Political Developments: Chinese Communist propaganda continues to play up the possibility that the US will initiate air attacks on China itself. People's Daily on 18 May carried another bitterly worded denunciation of President Johnson's 13 May speech, claiming for the first time that the real US aim was to create a pretext to bomb China. Pointing out that all US efforts to bring about negotiations had failed, Peiping argued that "Johnson is now attempting to find a solution" by threatening the Chinese people.

The North Vietnamese Foreign Ministry on 18 May issued a formal statement terming the "temporary" suspension of air strikes a trick designed to hoodwink world public opinion about the "so-called US good will for peace." Actually, according to Hanoi, the suspension is an attempt to pave the way for "new US acts of war." The statement went on to emphasize the continued US military buildup in Vietnam. It reiterated the four point proposal of the DRV government for the settlement of the Vietnam question.

The War in South Vietnam: Six South Vietnamese battalions reportedly were airlifted yesterday by US

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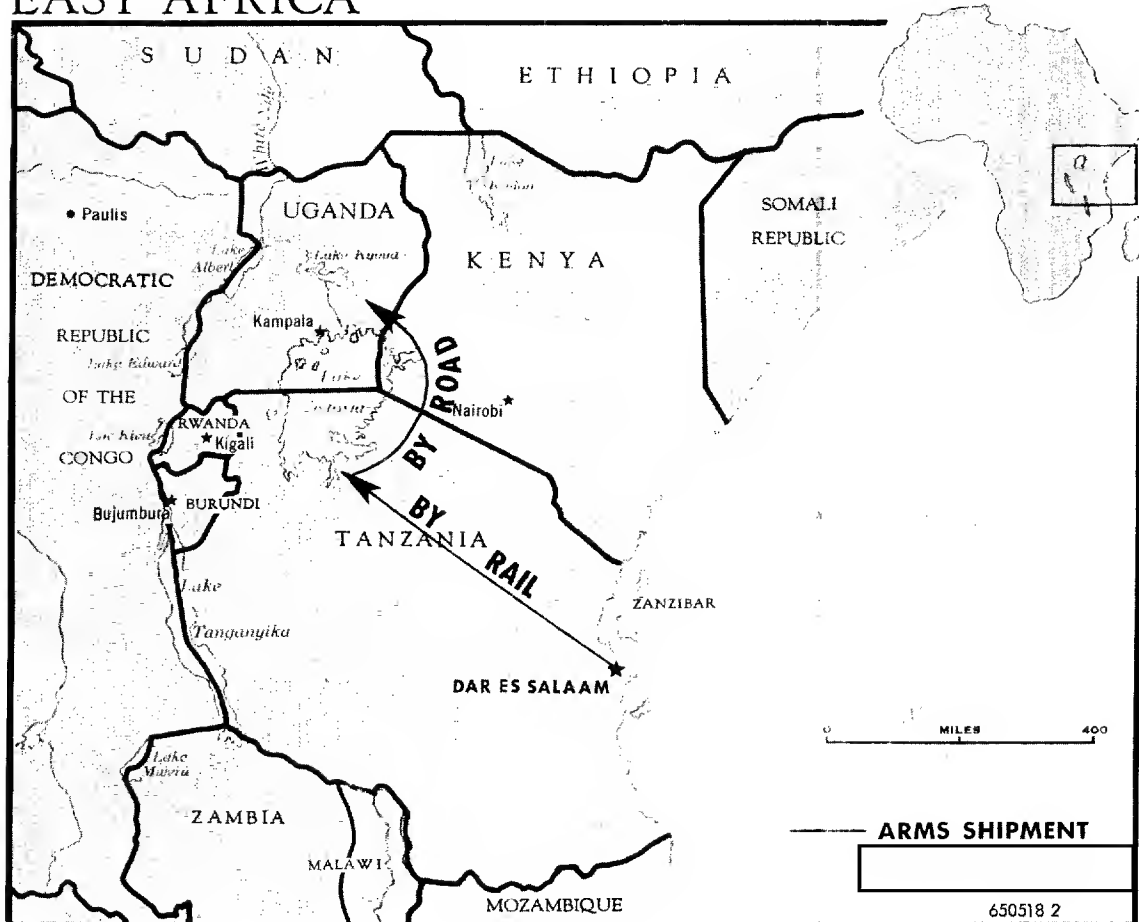
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marine helicopters into the area of a suspected Viet
Cong base and supply point near the Demilitarized
Zone (DMZ) in northernmost Quang Tri Province. No
immediate contact with the enemy has been reported.

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India-Pakistan: The two sides continue to bicker over terms for a cease-fire in the Rann of Kutch, and the danger of an incident elsewhere along their borders remains.

[With British efforts to formulate a cease-fire agreement bogged down in quibbling, London is considering bluntly asking Rawalpindi and New Delhi whether the two still want the UK to continue its good offices.]

Front line units of both armies remain under strict orders not to do anything that might provoke a strong counteraction. The Indian defense minister [redacted]

[redacted] indicated that he believes the worst of the crisis is past, and that India's "show of force" had brought home to Pakistan the fact "that India has the will and capacity to respond."

Nevertheless, opposing units remain separated by only a few hundred yards along sections of the border of northern West Pakistan, and any incidents could quickly revive the dangerously charged atmosphere of two weeks ago.

On 12 May the personal orders of Pakistani President Ayub apparently averted such an incident. An Indian Canberra reconnaissance bomber was allowed to complete its mission over the Lahore area while under surveillance of Pakistani fighter aircraft. Rawalpindi, however, has charged India with additional overflights and has warned that it will shoot or force down any future intruders.

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South Africa: [The Verwoerd government apparently is imposing a new racial restriction on US use of various facilities in South Africa.]

[Early this month South Africa demanded that only all-white crews be used on flights from the US carrier Independence to two Capetown airfields. Foreign Minister Muller said that in the future American groups would be required to observe South African rules and customs when they used local facilities. Muller later indicated that this condition applied to satellite tracking stations.]

[The US uses South African ports and airfields in connection with its three satellite tracking stations and one missile telemetry range station in the country. It has also been using South African airports for Air Force search and rescue teams in conjunction with space flights.]

[The new condition apparently was personally dictated by Prime Minister Verwoerd, but the motive is not clear. Muller connected the decision with the failure of the US Embassy to observe "social separation" in its diplomatic receptions.]

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[There are other indications, however, that Verwoerd may be adopting a tougher posture for domestic political reasons. National elections are expected this fall.]

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Communist China: The Chinese Communists are apparently developing an out-of-area capability for their submarine fleet. What appears to be a submarine tender--the first of its kind in the Chinese Navy--was photographed at sea near Choushan Island southeast of Shanghai in late April. It was probably operating in conjunction with a W-class submarine. There is some evidence the tender was built at Shanghai before mid-1964.

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British Guiana: [The shaky coalition government of Premier Forbes Burnham's People's National Congress (PNC), and Minister of Finance Peter D'Aguiar's United Force (UF) is again showing signs of internal strain, this time over the issue of independence.]

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[] D'Aguiar disapproves of a Burnham plan to move for a constitutional conference in September and to set a deadline for independence. D'Aguiar thinks Burnham would be acting prematurely and has indicated an intention to oppose any move on the independence question that he has not cleared in advance.

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Denmark-EEC: [The Common Market appears worried by recent Danish threats to raise tariffs on automobiles produced in EEC countries, possibly in retaliation for the damage the EEC's policies have done to Danish farm exports. The Danish threats have particularly upset the West Germans, and are reportedly linked to an EEC Council decision last week to undertake a comprehensive study of EEC-Danish trade relations. The decision reflects greater EEC recognition of the need to consider the external impact of its policies, but there is a possibility that the projected study could encourage interest in preferential or discriminatory remedies.]

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